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MEMORANDUM FOR REGIONAL DIRECTORS, DCAA DIRECTOR, FIELD DETACHMENT, DCAA

SUBJECT: Audit Guidance on the Purpose and Applicability of Guidance Issued by

Director, Defense Procurement

On September 10, 2002, the Director, Defense Procurement (DDP) issued the attached memorandum describing the purpose and applicability of guidance issued by DDP. The memorandum states that DDP guidance is to be used by Government contracting personnel in negotiating and administering contracts, and is not legally binding on contractors.

Regions and FAOs should ensure that the appropriate regulatory reference be cited in audit reports. This would apply to situations, for example, when FAOs formulate audit opinions using the DDP guidance on cost accounting practice changes.

If FAO personnel have any questions on the subject, they should contact regional personnel. If regional personnel have any questions, they should contact Lydia Funk, Program Manger, Accounting and Cost Principles Division at (703) 767-3250.

/Signed/ Lawrence P. Uhlfelder Assistant Director Policy and Plans

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SUBJECT: Purpose and Applicability of Guidance Issued by Director, Defense Procurement

Concerns have been expressed regarding the purpose and applicability of guidance issued by the Director, Defense Procurement. Guidance issued by the Director, Defense Procurement represents procurement policy to be applied by Government contracting personnel in negotiating and administering Government contracts. The guidance is not legally binding on contractors. When contracting issues arise, contracting personnel should cite the applicable regulatory reference (e.g., Federal Acquisition Regulations, Cost Accounting Standards) or specific contract clause that supports the Government position.

If you have any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact Mr. David J. Capitano, Senior Procurement Analyst, at 703-602-4245.

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